

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2152 - HB 2193

January 25, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- No local telephone carrier may provide local telephone service that includes access to a 1-900 calling feature unless the Tennessee consumer, user or subscriber elects in writing to receive service.
- Terminates all existing 1-900 telephone access provided to Tennessee consumers effective January 1, 2001, unless written authorization is received from the consumer, user or subscriber to continue such access.
- Tennessee telephone providers who fail to meet the consent and proof-of-age requirements will be able to collect revenues from billing for these services:
 - Requires 1-900 service providers of dating, escort, or adult-oriented entertainment services to obtain permission from consumer, user or subscriber as a condition of receiving payment for such services.
 - Requires providers of sexually explicit services to obtain proof of customer's age.
- No Tennessee telephone consumer shall be liable for 1-900 service fees in excess of \$50 for any calendar month, rendered through the consumer's telephone or billed to the consumer's telephone account, unless the consumer has provided written authorization to the 1-900 service provider agreeing to be liable for such charges.
- Prohibits any phone carrier from disconnecting a consumer's service for not paying for 1-900 charges when no prior written verification was given.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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